### **PATENT**

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## Present Application:

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Title : (SUBSTITUTED)ACYL DIPEPTIDYL INHIBITORS OF THE

ICE/CED-3 FAMILY OF CYSTEINE PROTEASES

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

### -- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/177,546, filed October 22, 1998. --

Respectfully submitted,

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